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Dear Stakeholder:

With this letter, the Alaska Board of Fisheries is soliciting nominations for participants in a GOA Groundfish Rationalization Task Force that will be charged with developing recommendations to the Board of Fisheries for state waters groundfish under a rationalized fishery, as described below.

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council is working towards a plan to "rationalize" the groundfish fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska. Through the Board of Fisheries and NPFMC's Joint Protocol Committee, the council has requested the board provide input regarding state waters fisheries under the options identified through the council's motion at its June 2003 meeting, including observer coverage. The motion adopted by the council may be found at: <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/>

The board will empanel a GOA Groundfish Rationalization Task Force to examine possible actions the board may consider regulatory structure for state waters groundfish fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska. The task force will be composed of two board members and approximately ten stakeholders that represent the various communities and interest groups in Alaska, and department staff. The board will select the stakeholder representatives at its October 1-3, 2003, work session in Anchorage. The timeline for the task force to complete its work and report back to the full board will be announced at the work session.

The deadline for nominations for the stakeholder members of the Task Force is 5:00 p.m., September 29, 2003 (nominations must be received by this date; a postmark is not sufficient). Nominations should be sent to the following office:

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Sincerely,



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